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SUBJ: CCMS-REMOTE SENSING OF MARINE POLLUTION

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1. DR NACIP BERKSAN, ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR OF TUBITAK (TURKISH NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES) WILL TRY TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO EXPERTS' MEETING FOR CCMS PILOT STUDY ON REMOTE SENSING OF MARINE POLLUTION. BERKSAN SAID THAT TUBITAK WAS VERY INTERESTED IN REMOTE SENSING. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOREIGN TRAVEL AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE.

2. EMBOFF ALSO SPOKE WITH DR OMER CELENK OF MTA (MINERALS EXPLORATION AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE), STRESSING US INTEREST IN SUCCESS OF SEPTEMBER 15 EXPERTS' MEETING IN CCMS PILOT STUDY ON REMOTE SENSING
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OF MARINE POLLUTION. CELENK SAID THAT THERE IS NO WAY MTA CAN OBTAIN THE FOREIGN CURRENCY NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SUCH OVERSEAS CONFERENCES UNTIL BEGINNING OF NEXT TURKISH FISCAL YEAR (MARCH 1, 1979). THIS IS BECAUSE THIS YEAR'S MTA BUDGET DOES NOT EARMARK FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE. CELENK REFERRED EMBOFF TO TUBITAK EXPLAINING THAT TUBITAK HAS RECENTLY BEEN WINNING

BUREAUCRATIC BATTLES WITH MTA AND TURKISH ARMY MAPPING
SERVICE FOR RECOGNITION AS GOT AGENCY WITH LARGEST SHARE
OF REMOTE SENSING RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. CELENK REQUESTED EMBOFF TO EXPLAIN CCMS PLANS
DURING TURKISH FISCAL YEAR 1979 TO NEW ACTING DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF MAT, DR NEZIHI CANITEZ, IN ORDER TO ASSURE
THAT NEXT MTA BUDGET INCLUDES FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR
FOREIGN MEETINGS OF CCMS.

4. FOR THE RECORD, EMBOFF HAS SENT LETTER TO BERKSAN,
WITH COPIES TO CELENK AND TO FUNDA TEZOK OF MFA, BASED
ON INFO IN REFTTEL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: BY END OF OCTOBER AT LATEST, PLEASE
ESTIMATE NUMBER OF MEETINGS WHICH CCMS IS LIKELY TO
ORGANIZE OUTSIDE OF TURKEY DURING YEAR BEGINNING
MARCH 1, 1979, AND SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED, AND
INFORM EMBASSY.
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